

## Commercial Advertiser

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## EXPERT FARMERS NEEDED.

Honolulu, March 25, 1903.  
Editor Advertiser: I do not like to appear in print, but yet I sometimes consider it my duty to publish my experiences and opinions, when they may benefit my adopted country. My opinion is that,

1. Potatoes cannot be raised as good and as cheap here as in California.  
2. Pina can be imported cheaper than produced here.

3. Sisal I hope will pay.  
But why not cultivate plants which guarantee a good return for all outlay and work, for instance:

1. Alligator pears on high lands.
2. Limes on middle lands.
3. Coconut palms on beach lands.
4. Tobacco on suitable lands.
5. Vanilla on suitable lands.
6. Wine grapes on suitable lands.

All of these will pay, if properly managed, but the latter three products not only require planting and cutting, but skillful manipulation after the crop has been taken off. There is the weak point of diversified industries. We have no men here who are able to cultivate and prepare tobacco, wine, vanilla, etc., properly. It is not so important to import plants, as it is to bring experienced men for said business. I am confident that we can produce tobacco here of the Havana and wine of the Madeira and Oporto quality.

Chickens are the best destroyer of cut-worms in the country and other insects and will handsomely pay any planter even without feeding them much.

Alligator pears are as good as a bonanza and grow without any trouble (except in windy places).

I did not succeed with every plant mentioned above, on account of being unable to secure the services of an experienced man, who must be also intelligent and diligent.

Please excuse me for occupying so much of your valuable space, but I am interested in the welfare of Hawaii.

Yours truly, MALUHIA.

One of the best uses to which the Territory could put money would be in the establishment of an agricultural school where experts in the production of tropical crops would teach anybody who wished to learn, all that is known about raising such products as are enumerated above and many more. Experts in fruit, vanilla, tobacco, sisal, pineapples, banana and cocoa culture, experts in dairying and chicken raising and in the analysis of soils, could find plenty to do in such a college, one of the adjuncts of which would be an experimental farm.

Our correspondent has the right idea about small farming. He does not confound it as so many do with market-gardening; nor does he suggest the raising of crops here for export that would have to compete with California and the Pacific Northwest. It would be a blunder even if Irish potatoes did well here to use land for their production which would yield pineapples, vanilla beans or alligator pears instead. Hawaii should raise the crops it can export, cultivating vegetables mainly for domestic use.

Some of the expert instructors needed are now available at the United States Experiment Station. But they are not men who go out to manage farms for people; their usefulness will take the form of giving pointers and, if an Agricultural College is started, they may be depended on to assist in every possible way.

## TIME TO WAKE UP.

The time has come for the moral people of this city to get together and determine whether Honolulu is to be a wide-open town or not; whether the ancient safeguards of its respectability are to be maintained or demolished; whether vice shall be compelled to hide in dark corners or shall be permitted to flaunt itself in the open day and in the chief thoroughfares.

It is bad enough to have gambling games running at full pressure all over the city and illicit drinking places all over the Territory, but when worse places are opened on the finest avenues and invitations to visit them are mailed to the young men of the town, with hints that the law will not annoy them, it is time for respectable Honolulu to be up and doing. If this affront to morality and order is tolerated, Honolulu will soon pass into the worst category of seaport cities and it will be no place in which to bring up families, to make homes or to invite friends. The blow lately struck is with a wedge which the enemies of social order hope to use further in demolishing all the guarantees of decency in this town; and the city cannot afford to condone it.

Fortunately the law department is in the hands of a man of conscience, vigilance and energy; and the public will look to him to use all the authority conferred upon him to close disorderly houses, however gilded and make the proposed tenderloin unprofitable.

When the investigation of the Auditor's office is made by the committee which is to look into the discharges of old employees, it will not find an alien in the place of a former employee, but a registered voter.

Why should an easy and expressive name like Kona or Kohala be passed over for Kaniapuni as a substitute for West Hawaii in county nomenclature?

## THE TELEPHONE QUESTION.

The joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association have been delayed in their investigation of the status and possibility, or probability of improvement of the present telephone system, by inability to secure competent experts to assist them. This difficulty has been overcome, and the services of the Messrs. Pratt and C. S. Crane have been secured for this purpose. J. W. Pratt, now tax collector for Honolulu, was formerly manager of the Mutual system; Mr. R. J. Pratt is an electrical engineer in the employ of the Honolulu Iron Works, while Mr. Crane, now secretary of the Hawaiian Gazette Company, was formerly in charge of the construction department of the Mutual Company. These gentlemen should in a very short time be able to place the status of the Mutual plant in a clear and unbiased light before the Merchants' committee and enable them to recommend an intelligent course of action to their respective organizations.

If they find that the existing company can promptly remedy the present intolerable condition of affairs, and give such assurances that the community can feel a certainty that the remedy will be in fact as well as on paper, then a charter should be refused to those seeking a new franchise, for two telephone systems are such a nuisance that sheer necessity is the only excuse for even thinking of it. One greater nuisance, however, is to have a telephone system that can never be depended upon. As between the two, the former is preferable.

Once it is determined that the existing system can not be remedied, if it is so determined, the business community should lose no time or effort, in pushing the construction of a second system which will give a perfect service, and in rendering every assistance necessary to make it a speedy success.

Meanwhile the people await the report of the experts, which should be published in full, and the recommendation of the committee based thereon.

## AS TO PURE WATER.

Here is the preamble to a petition signed by many of the leading physicians of Honolulu and sent to the Legislature:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii.

Your petitioners, citizens of the Territory of Hawaii and residents of Honolulu, respectfully show:

That it is a notorious circumstance, freely commented upon throughout this district, that a large portion of the drinking water furnished to the residents thereof is gathered in ponds underlaid with mud and overgrown with vegetable matter and containing the accumulations of the washings of the slopes of the Nuuanu valley adjoining the ponds, or so called reservoirs, and such water is furnished to the citizens of Honolulu, filled with green scum and other vegetable and extraneous matter. It is believed by your petitioners that a large portion of the prevalent illness and debility is caused to the residents of this district by drinking such impure and contaminated water.

If this is true—and the Advertiser has no reason to believe otherwise—the sooner the Legislature applies itself to the water question the better. It is not necessary, however, to commit the Territory to any definite purchase in advance. Locality, water supply, extent and nature of the watershed, etc., are matters to be referred to engineers; after which the question of cost should be taken up. It might be that the government land near the Pali would be most suitable or that an adequate supply could be had at no great expense from upper Manoa. Artesian pumping might be approved after investigation by experts. The point now is that the Legislature should not buy "a pig in a poke;" should not purchase in haste and regret at leisure.

Meanwhile if the city water is as bad as the doctors say, danger of a typhoid fever epidemic, such as is now ravaging Ithaca, N. Y., may be regarded as imminent. In that case the thing to do is for every householder to boil and filter his drinking water; and for the authorities to see that this is done for the schools and that the use of boiled and filtered water is enforced upon the manufacturers of soda, etc., of which the community absorbs some 25,000 bottles per day. No chances should be taken with a supply which "is gathered in ponds underlaid with mud and overgrown with vegetable matter and containing the accumulations of the washings of the slopes of the Nuuanu valley \* \* \* filled with green scum and other vegetable and extraneous matter."

## FOR THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

With their attention recalled to the matter of the St. Louis Fair by the Kupihea resolution, which went through the House yesterday, some of the members of the Legislature are coming to the opinion that the provision made by the House for this great exposition is too small. The Senate made the amount \$40,000 for the construction of the Territorial building and all the other expenses of the exhibit which all agree should be made by the Territory.

The Kupihea resolution is, in itself, a peculiar sort of an affair at the best. It cannot be said to have any bearing upon the representation of the Territory, beyond the sending of a double quartet of singers, to be selected by Prince Kuhio, and their salaries and expenses to be fixed by the Governor. Beyond that it is vague, as was said of one of the resolutions from the same source by the Attorney General.

The provision for three commissioners, one to be appointed each by the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House reads all right as to the naming of the men, but there it stops. There is not a word as to their duties, excepting that they are to represent the Territory. There is nothing as to how they are to conduct their work, no suggestion as to their pay or expenses nor the organization of the commission, and in consequence, if the appropriation does pass, there will have to be an organization provided.

What is needed now is a realization of the necessities of the occasion. There must be a complete machine prepared if the exposition is to be of value.

to the Islands. There are few enough days left for the work of the session, and it remains for the business men of the Legislature to take up the matter and push it along to successful termination.

It is to be hoped that the play of politics will not be carried so far as to cause the creation of an alms house in the fifth district. It should be remembered that no pauper may vote, and as well that Hawaii has the unique distinction of not having within it a poor house or a beggar.

## E. P. DOLE TALKS OF CABLE CHANGES

"The Pacific Cable has put the people of Hawaii in touch with the rest of the world," said Attorney General E. P. Dole of Hawaii, at the White House offices today. General Dole is a cousin of Governor Dole, and has been making an extended tour of the United States, having sailed from the Islands nearly two months ago. He was introduced to the President by Senator Foster of Washington, who also presented Arthur C. Gehr of Honolulu and S. M. Bruce of New Whatcom, Wash.

"Since the completion of the cable," continued General Dole, "we have enjoyed a new participation in world affairs. Think of having had to wait a week for news! When President McKinley was shot the news was brought to us with reports on his condition for the first few days after the affair had taken place. Then there was a week intervening before the next steamer arrived. The report was so reassuring that we began a celebration and planned services of thanksgiving for the President's remarkable recovery from the wound. When the next steamer came it brought news of Mr. McKinley's death and funeral.

"When King Edward was about to be crowned the English people in Hawaii got up a monster celebration. News by steamer told all of the late preparations for the coronation, and on the appointed date Hawaii celebrated in royal fashion. When the next steamer came it brought the unexpected tidings that the King was desperately ill and had not been crowned. Since then we have not been holding celebrations until assured that plans elsewhere had been realized in full."—Washington Times.



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